

CHAPTER V.

FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

TOUR OF THE CONSERVATOR.

180. On November 10th, I left head-quarters, and, accompanied by the Divisional Officer, Belgaum, marched through the Gókák-forests to Panchgáon. From Panchgáon I went to Kaládgi, in the Bijápúr District, and thence to Bágalkót and Bijápúr. At Bijápúr, I met the Divisional Officer, and, after a stay of 4 days, proceeded to Níl Gund and Bádámi. On December 5, I took train to Dharwar, where I met the Divisional Officer, and, after a stay of 4 days, continued my journey south to the Ranebennur and Kód talukas of Dharwar. On the 25th December, I left Hírekerúr in Kód, and marched, *viâ* Shirálkóp and Sórab, in Mysore, to Siddápúr and Jóg, in the Southern Division of Kanara, which was reached on January 1. On the 6th, I continued my journey towards Honáwar, where I met the Divisional Officer, Southern Division of Kanara, on the 10th. Thence we went to Chandávar, Katgál, Hireguti, Ankólá, Karwar, Kothebhávi, Sunksál, and, up the Arbail-ghát, to Yellápúr, which was reached on February 18. After a halt of 6 days at Yellápúr, I proceeded to Manchikeri, Kalli, Són dá, and Sirsi, which was reached on March 22. On the 24th, Camp was moved to Banwási, and thence to Dásankóp, Pálá, Chitgeri, and Bilki, in the Central Division of Kanara, which was reached on April 1. On the 6th, Camp was moved to Yellápúr. From Yellápúr, where I met the Divisional Officer, Central Division of Kanara, I proceeded to Halyál, in the Northern Division of Kanara, which was reached on the 19th April. Thence Camp was moved to Barchi, and afterwards to Nágargáli, Astóli, Anmod, Chándwádi, Jagalbet, and back to Nágargáli, which was reached on May 23rd. On June 13th, I returned to head-quarters for the rains.

ESTABLISHMENT.

181. The *personnel* remained the same as in the previous year, save for the addition of Mr. Copleston, a home-trained officer, who was posted on arrival in India to this Circle, and of 4 students, from the College of Science, appointed probationers.

182. The actual cost on account of the superior and subordinate staffs amounted to Rs. 1,24,916 and Rs. 1,17,977, respectively, against Rs. 1,10,391 and Rs. 1,17,940 of 1893-94.

183. The changes among the officers of the superior staff were :—

184. Mr. Stewart, Divisional Forest-Officer, Kolábá, transferred to the Panch Maháls, handed over charge of his office, on the afternoon of 20th July, 1894, to Mr. W. G. Betham, transferred from the Central, to this, Circle.

185. Mr. H. Mitra, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, Working Plans' Party I, was on privilege-leave from 5th August to 17th September, 1894.

186. Mr. W. G. Betham, Divisional Forest-Officer, Kolábá, was on 2 months' leave on medical certificate, from 15th August to 15th October, 1894, during which time the charge of his office was held by Mr. A. C. Robinson, Extra-Assistant-Conservator and sub-Divisional Officer, Kolábá, in addition to his own, for part of that time (14th to 17th August), and, for the rest of it, by Mr. F. R. Dasai, transferred from the Central, to this, Circle.

187. Mr. Sheshu Manju, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, was on privilege leave from January 21 to April 17th, 1895. Mr. G. J. Rege, Ranger, acted for him.

188. Mr. W. A. Talbot, Divisional Forest Officer, Northern Division of Kanara, proceeded on 3 months' privilege-leave, handing over charge of his office on 1st March, 1895, to Mr. H. Murray, Divisional Officer, Belgaum, who held it, in addition to his own, until relieved on the 30th May, 1895, by Mr. E. G. Oliver, Divisional Officer, Working Plans' Party I.

189. Mr. H. Mainwaring, Divisional Officer, Bijápúr, was on privilege leave from 12th March to 11th May, 1895, during which time the charge of the division was partly held by Mr. T. B. Fry, in addition to his own (Dharwar-Division), (12th to 31st March), and for the rest of it, by Mr. G. K. Betham.

190. Mr. G. K. Betham, on transfer to the Dharwar-Division, handed over charge of the Southern Division of Kanara on the 27th March, 1895, to Mr. D. M. Bijoor, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, who held it until relieved by Mr. E. G. Oliver on the 20th May, 1895, from whom it was taken charge of by Mr. W. A. Talbot on return from leave on the 28th idem.

191. Mr. T. B. Fry proceeded on 14 months' furlough, giving over charge of the Dharwar and Bijápúr Divisions to Mr. G. K. Betham on the 1st April, 1895, who relinquished that of the latter to Mr. Mainwaring on the 12th May, 1895.

192. Mr. E. G. Oliver, Divisional Forest-Officer, Working Plans' Party I, was on 1 month's privilege-leave from 28th January, 1895, and Mr. H. Mitra, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, acted for him.